

AMERICA'S VIEW ON EVOLUTION AND CREATIONISM

ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS AROUND IS THE EVOLUTION AND CREATIONISM DEBATE. SCIENCE AND RELIGION OFTEN CONFLICT, THOUGH A SURPRISING PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS FIND THEIR BELIEFS SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN WHEN IT COMES TO WHERE WE CAME FROM.

THE BELIEFS

THERE ARE MANY THEORIES, INCLUDING:

SCIENTISM

SCIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THERE IS NO DIVINE CREATOR THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LIFE AND ITS DIVERSITY.

THEISTIC EVOLUTION

GOD CREATED THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE WE FIND TODAY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION HAS TESTED AND SCIENTIFICALLY VERIFIED THAT THE INPUT OF AN EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE IS REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE.

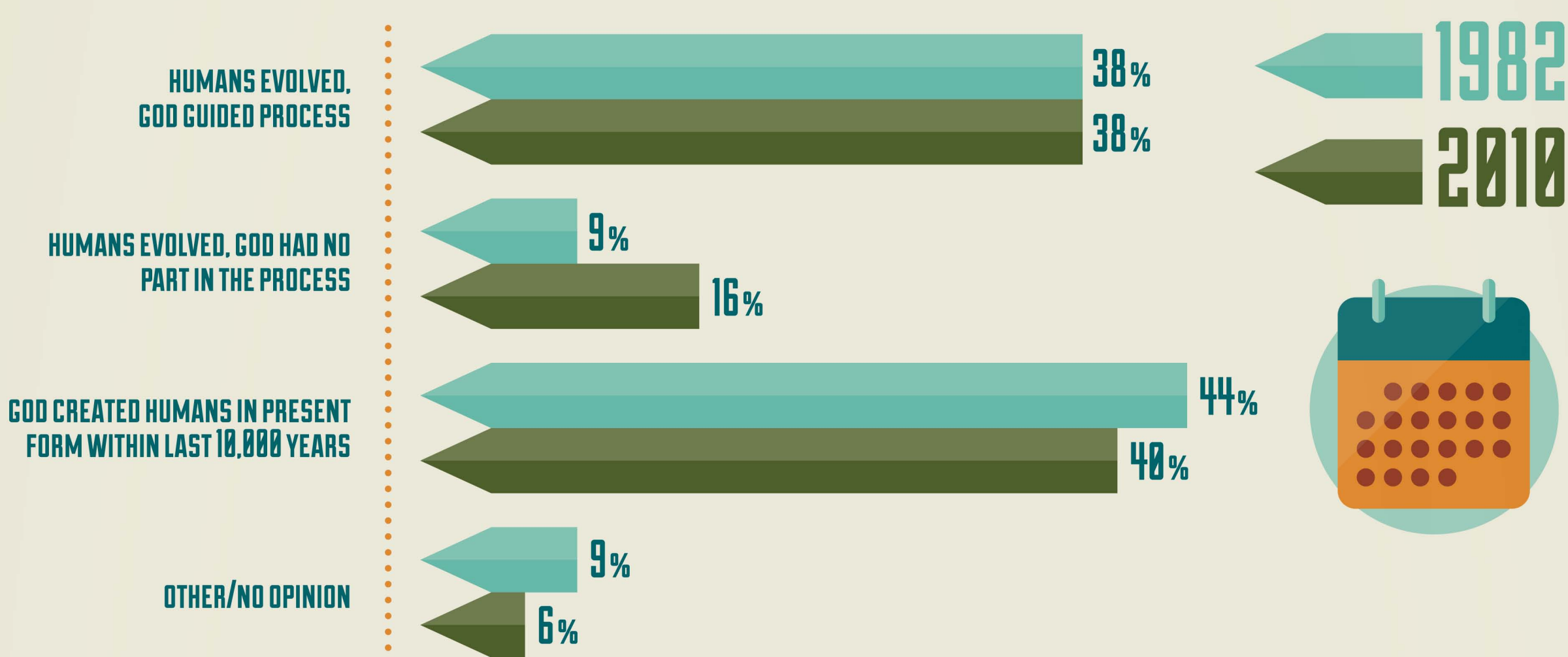
CREATIONISM

THE CREATION STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IS A HISTORICALLY ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGIN OF LIFE'S DIVERSITY.

SHIFT IN BELIEFS

WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGE IN BELIEFS ABOUT HUMAN ORIGINS OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES, THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS STILL BELIEVE THAT HUMANS WERE CREATED BY GOD. HOWEVER, THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS NO PART IN THE ORIGIN OF HUMAN LIFE HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE 1982.

HOW HAVE BELIEFS CHANGED BETWEEN 1982 AND 2010?

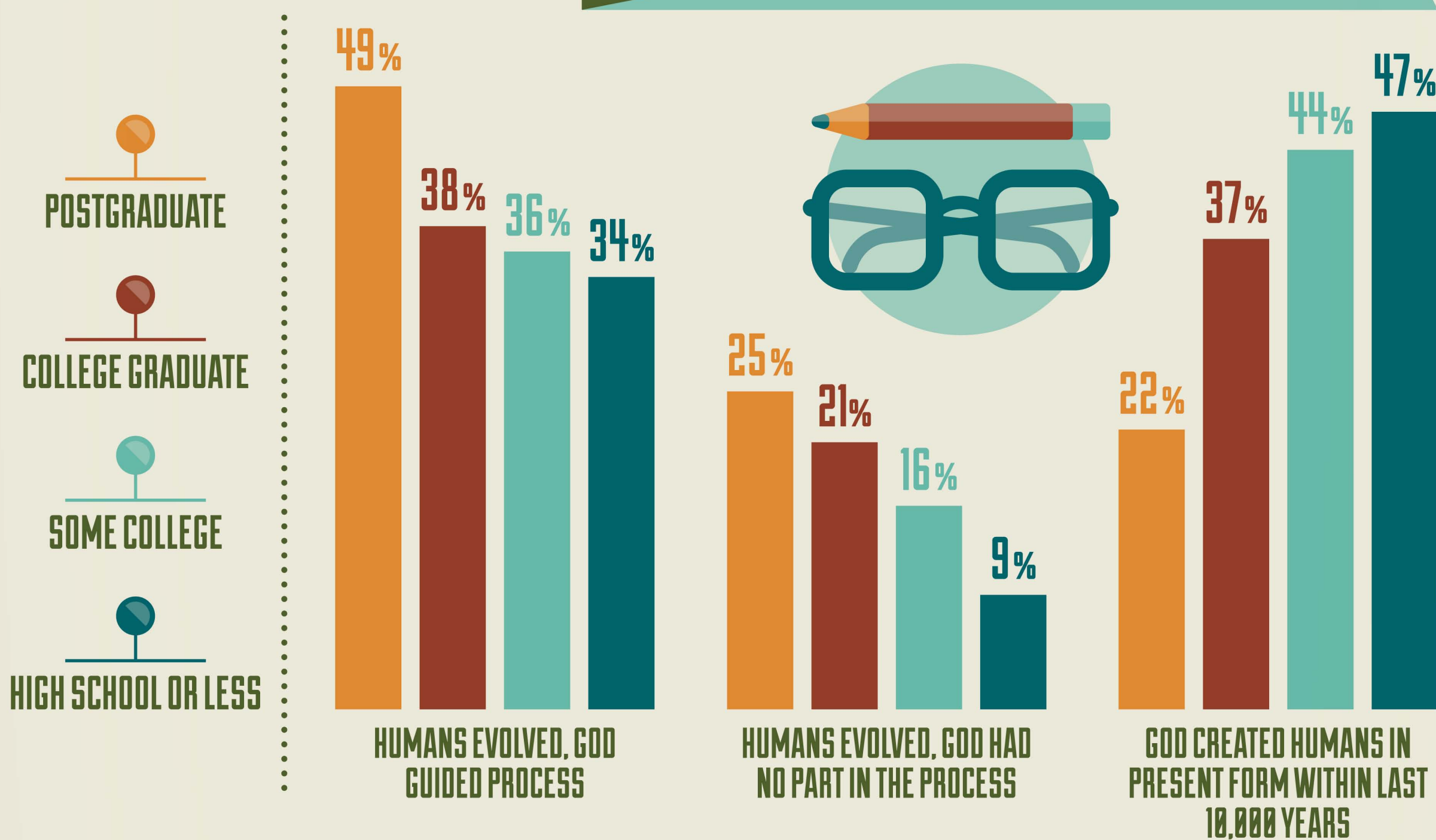


28 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHERS FOLLOW STRAIGHTFORWARD EVOLUTION LESSON PLANS. 13 PERCENT TEACH STRICT CREATIONISM. THAT LEAVES ABOUT 60 PERCENT WHO DON'T TEACH EVOLUTION OR CREATIONISM.

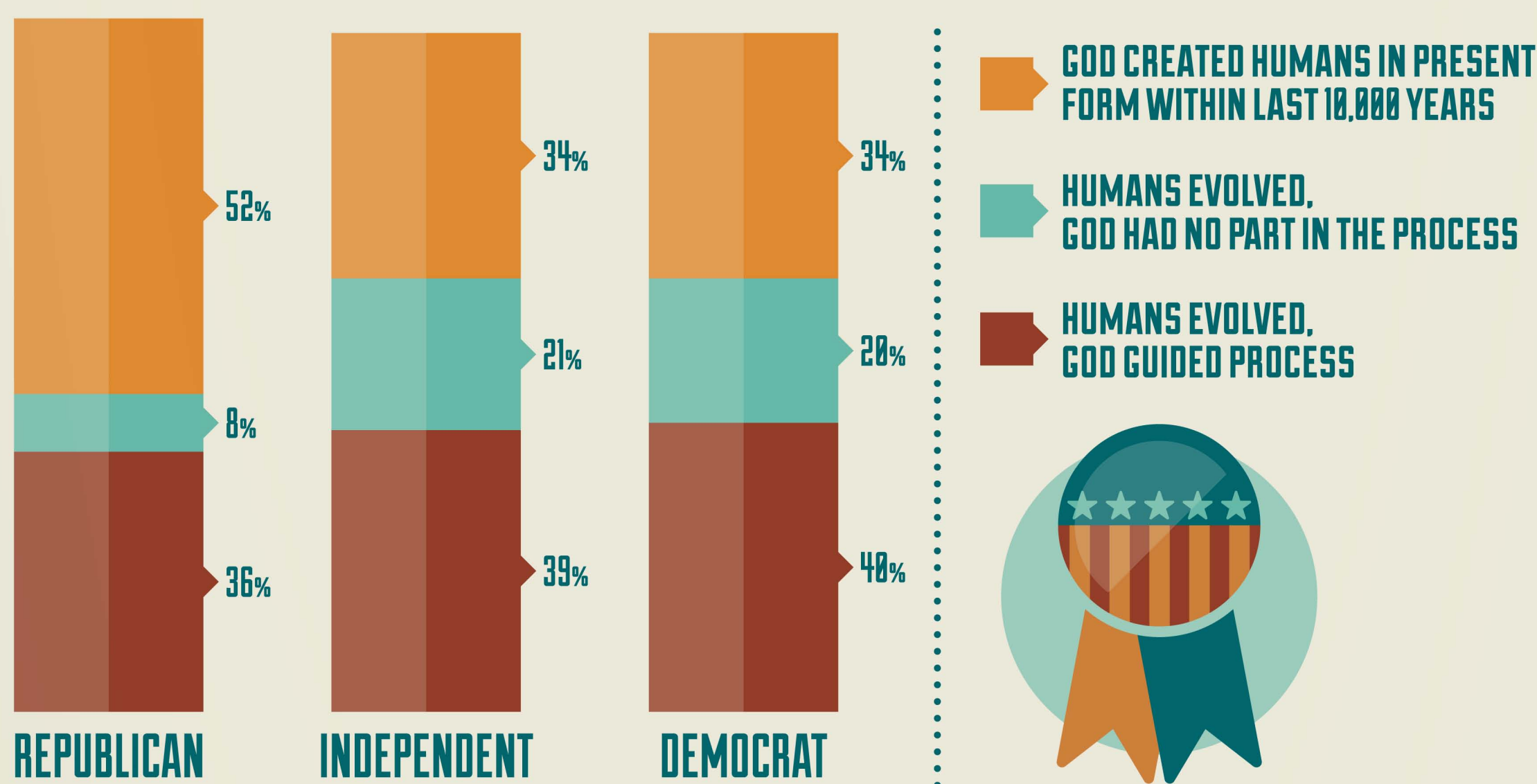
BREAKDOWN OF BELIEFS

HOW DO EDUCATION LEVELS, POLITICAL PARTIES, AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE AFFECT AMERICANS' VIEWS ON EVOLUTION AND CREATIONISM?

BY EDUCATION LEVEL



BY POLITICAL PARTY



BY CHURCH ATTENDANCE

